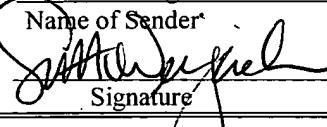




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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this amendment and accompanying Request for Continued Examination in response to the final Office Action mailed November 9, 2005, in the above-referenced patent application. Applicants concurrently petition for a two-month extension of the period for response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$450.00 fee associated with the petition to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Applicants are also submitting a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement concurrently with this amendment.

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Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.